

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Interview Summary

The Applicants express their appreciation to the Examiner for extending the courtesy of a personal interview on March 10, 2006. During the interview the Applicants provided a demonstration to the Examiner of an embodiment of the present invention, and presented arguments that the present invention distinguishes over the cited art. The Examiner indicated that the claims should be amended to distinguish from the prior art.

Summary of the Response

By the foregoing Amendment, claims 1-21 have been canceled and new claims 22-42 have been added. No new matter has been added. Thus, claims 22-42 are pending in this application and subject to examination.

In the Office Action mailed October 11, 2005, claims 1-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being unpatentable over Gelvin et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,859,831 B1, hereinafter "Gelvin"). It is noted that claims 1-21 have been canceled and new claims 22-42 have been added. To the extent the rejection remains applicable to the claims currently pending, the Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection, as follows.

Claims 22-42 Recite Patentable Subject Matter

Regarding claims 22-42, the Applicants respectfully submit that these claims are allowable over the cited art.

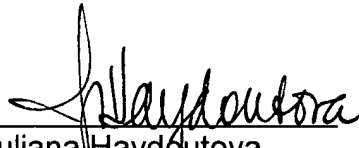
Conclusion

For all of the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the claims now pending patentably distinguish the present invention from the cited references. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and an issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner determine that any further action is necessary to place this application into better form, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned representative at the number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referring to client-matter number 026304-00002.

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